NEW PUBLICATIONS.

BIOGRAPHIES OF FAMOUS SCOTS-A NEW EDITION OF KEATS-FROISSART-

PLAYS IN BOOK FORM. The "Famous Scots" series, imported by Charles Scribner's Sons, is a collection of brief and handy monographs dealing with personages sometimes famous from the Scotchman's point of view more than from that of the general reader, but in many cases acclaimed by students of history and literature everywhere. The character of the writing in these books varies even more than does the standard of critical selection. We have sought in vain for anything in the volume on Stevenson by Miss Margaret Black. The author has nothing new to say, nor is she particularly effective in what she does set Professor Saintsbury's account of Sir Walter Scott is satisfactory in so far as its facts are concerned, but it is disfigured by this author's usual defects of style. On the other hand, Dr. Grosart's "Robert Fergusson" leaves nothing to be desired; the subject needed to be treated in some such popular volume as the present, and exactly the right biographer was chosen. Mr. Oliphant Smeaton's "William Dunbar" and Mr. Henry Calderwood's "David Hume" may also be particularly mentioned. The remaining volumes thus far published in this series, all of them creditable productions, are as follows "Adam Smith," by H. C. McPherson; "Sir William Wallace" and "King Robert the Bruce," both by A. F. Murison; "Kirkcaldy of Grange," by William A. Barbé (very interesting); "James Thomson," by William Bayne; "Andrew Melville," by William Morison; "Pollok and Aytoun," by Rosaline Masson; "Thomas Reid," by Campbell Fraser; "Mungo Park," by Banks MacLachlan, and "James Hogg," by Sir George Douglass.

Houghton, Mifflin & Co. add to their "Cambridge Edition" of the poets "The Complete Poetical Works and Letters of John Keats." This means the compression into something un der five hundred double columned pages of i great deal of material, but the great merit of this series is that paper and type are perfectly adapted to such a method of publication. Mr. Scudder, the editor, reminds us that the prefatory notes in the Cambridge Editions are rarely critical, but rather historical and biographical. Nevertheless, only a critic of scholarship and taste could have put this volume together. The ext has been collated with the first editions of Keats. Dates are given whenever possible Poems and letters are both admirably arranged with just the right editorial machinery always in just the right place. Severn's two portraits of the poet are reproduced in the frontispiece and on the title page, respectively. The volume shows the sterling presswork usual with these

E. P. Dutton & Co. issue their usual annual quota of decorative calendars, most of them printed in colors with raised surfaces. The "Holy Family Calendar" has some well chosen pictures not very well reproduced, but "Shakespeare's Heroines" is attractive. "Old Father Time" is good, and so are the floral calendars. The "Chrysanthemum" and the "Carnation" calendars are well designed and are exquisite in

Abridgments of literary classics are usually

of doubtful value, but we cannot withhold a word of approval for Mr. Henry Newbolt's 'Stories from Froissart" (the Macmillan Company). The young English singer of heroic themes has taken thirteen epics from the fanous "Chronicles," using the version of Lord nerners, "with such dovetailing of separated narratives, substitution of intelligible for obsoete words, and new translation of mistaken or omitted passages as seemed necessary to make the book complete and easily readable." Newbolt shows sufficient scholarship in his introduction, but his main point is to make the sound of the trumpet ring in youthful ears. Froissart is all compact of heroism and rolong in the libraries of boys and girls, and Mr. Newbolt puts them there in persuasive form.

The Trow Directory, Printing and Book Binding Company issues a compendium that should at once obtain a permanent position among books of reference in the shape of a "Medical Directory of New-York, New-Jersey and Connecticut," edited by Dr. E. E. Harris, of this city. Besides giving a list of physicians long enough to expand the volume to nearly nine hundred pages, Dr. Harris includes information concerning hospitals and dispensaries, the legal duty of physicians, the medical laws of the three States represented in the book, the New-York City and State Boards of Health, the various charitable organizations, coroners, and other pertinent subjects. From the description of this book on the title page as "Volume I." we judge that there will be annual reissues, keeping the work revised and up to date.

More and more it becomes evident that the modern play is written to be read almost as much as to be observed across the footlights. We have received more than one drama in book form. The Macmillan Company issues "Carnac Sahlb," by Henry Arthur Jones. From the Frederick A. Stokes Company comes "La Princesse Lointaine," translated from the French of Rostand by Mr. Charles Renauld. "Les Romanesques" of Rostand is issued by the Doubleday McClure Company, under the title of "The Romancers," in a translation by Mary Hendee. "Arizona," the drama by Augustus Thomas, is published by R. H. Russell, with the programme of the original cast, and with photographic illustrations. In the series of modern plays edited by R. Brinley Johnson and published in Chicago by the Charles H. Sergel Company, there appear three plays by Maeterlinck, translated by William Archer and Alfred Sutro; "The Dawn," by Emile Verhaeren, translated by Arthur Symens, and "The Storm," by Ostrovsky, translated by Constance Garnett.

A substantial testimony to the important part which is now being played in the distribution of books by the great firms which deal objefly in other material reaches us in the shape of "Claffin's List of Books," a catalogue published by the H. B. Claffin Company. This is a handsome, paper covered volume of five hundred pages, covering an extraordinary number of current publications. Conspicuous among these is the edition of Kipling's works in twenty thousand sets, but all manner of literature is included in the list-classics, histories and books of travel, as well as the latest novels, juveniles,

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catalogue is copiously enriched with portraits of authors and with illustrations borrowed from many of the books enumerated.

M. F. Mansfield and A. Wessels publish "A Glossary to Accompany 'Departmental Dittles' as Written by Rudyard Kipling." This gives explanations of the various native words encountered in the verses, which no doubt have mystifled many a reader. The book has wide margins provided for the service of those who may come across further explanations. A prefatory note expresses the hope that the book will form a suitable key to the furtherance of the line of work illustrated. Here is a first rate opportunity for some one with patience, leisure and interest in the subject. It would be good to have a glossary covering all of the native terms employed in all of Mr. Kipling's works.

CROSS-EXAMINED BY MR. REED.

THE EX-SPEAKER QUESTIONS WILLIAM J LOGAN IN THE LATTER'S SUIT FOR

AN ACCOUNTING. William J. Logan resumed the witness stand under cross-examination before Justice Werner in the Supreme Court yesterday morning in his suit against William Rockefeller, H. H. Rogers, E. Benedict and others, comprising the consolidated Mr. Logan, who owned Brooklyn gas companies. big blocks of stock in the Williamsburg Gas Comany before the consolidation scheme went into effect, alleges that he was "frozen out" of the combination and lost money. He is string for an ac-

Toward the end of John L. Hill's cross-examina tion he said to Mr. Logan: "Now, Mr. Logan, I have only a few more questions to ask of you. It seems that you do not understand my English very well, and I will endeavor to put the questions so that you will understand them. First of all I want you to tell me what you understand by the word

Well, I don't think I know the exact meaning of the word," replied Mr. Logan doubtfully. What, you say you do not know what 'promoter

means? Oh! I guess you do. Come, tell us. "The witness says that he does not know," re arked Justice Werner.

"Oh! I think he does," answered Mr. Hill. "Let "Well," said Mr. Logan, "I understand that comoter is a man who has no money, or little

money, who goes about and tries to rope in men with money. 'And you are a promoter, aren't you?" asked Mr

'No, no; not at all," quickly replied Mr. Logan As a result of the questions and answers there was a general laugh among the counsel engaged in

While Mr. Hill was examining Mr. Logan Mr. Reed sought to interject a question. minute," said Mr. Hill. "You may have him when get through."
"May I?" replied Mr. Reed. "But I don't think
here will be much left of the witness when you get

through Mr. Hill had finished Mr. Reed took the After Mr. Hill had finished Mr. Reed took the witness in charge for further cross-examination. His questions were put in a quiet, cold manner that several times disconcerted the plaintiff. In explanation of a price of \$1.75 placed upon certain stock by Mr. Logan, he said that he never meant the price for actual sale, but it was placed for the purpose of influencing other stockholders or prospective stockholders. "But that was a lie, was it not?" inquired Mr.

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INQUIRY ON POSTAL AFFAIRS.

JOINT CONGRESS COMMISSION HERE TO TAKE TESTIMONY.

The Joint Commission on Postal Affairs ap pointed by Congress began a session at the Wa dorf-Astoria yesterday, which will continue for probably a week or ten days. The principal subject to be discussed is the compensation to railroads for carrying mails. There has been a general demand upon the part of the railways for an increase in the amount of compensation for mail carrying, and the committee will make a complete and exhaustive examination of the subject with a view to recomending changes in the rates. A large amount of mance. His quaint and stirring narratives be- testimony is to be taken and the sessions will be

committee. The other members are Senator Allison, of Iowa; Senator Chandler, of New-Hampshire, and Senator Martin, of Virginia, and Representa-tives Loud, of California; Moody, of Massachusetts. Fleming, of Georgia, and Catchings, of Mississippi. Mr. Loud is chairman of the House Committee on Postal Affairs. It was reported that the committee would devote a portion of its time to a discussion of the demand for a new uptown postoffice and the extension of the pneumatic tube service in the city. Mr. Loud said, however, that these questions were not within the jurisdiction of the committee, it being a special body appointed for a special purpose. The recommendation for a new postoffice would have to come from the Committee on Public Buildings. He said that he was personally in favor of granting Mr. Van Cott's request, as he believed an uptown postoffice was badly needed. He thought the request would be granted ultimately and the new structure would be either in or near Fortysecond-st.

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Among the representatives of the Postoffice Department who were present yesterday were W. S. Shallenberger. Second Assistant Postmasier General, and W. E. Cochrane, chief postoffice inspector. There were various railway officials on hand to look after the interests of the roads with which they are identified. The committee held a short executive session, at which the method of procedure was discussed, and then adjourned until 10 o'clock to-day. While there was not a full attendance at the meeting, it was said that all except Congressman Catchings are in the city and will be present to-day, when the Commission will begin to take testimony.

TROUBLE NOT FEARED

REPORT OF DISSATISFACTION AMONG THIRD AVENUE BAILROAD EMPLOYES DENIED.

The report that trouble was brewing among the employes of the Third Avenue Railroad Company of the change in the motive power denied at the offices of the company yesterday It was said that the men were satisfied with their pay and condition, and would in all probability re-Under the new system of running cars five trips from Fort Lee to the City Hall and six from Harlem to the City Hall will constitute a day's work for the conductors and motor. This is one more trip than under the system, but the officials of the company believe that the men will be able to make this extra trip with the trolley system and keep within the ten hour limit more easily than with the fewer trips under the old cable system.

A Tribune reporter who talked with a number of motormen and conductors yesterday learned that there was some little dissatisfaction among them over the new order of things, but they all expressed hope that everything would rightly adjust itself after the road had been operated under the electric system a short time. There was no talk of a strike heard anywhere. Superintendent John H. Robertson of the Third

Avenue Railroad Company said last night that it would not be possible to get the cars running to the Postoffice before some time this afternoon. "It is the worst job I ever struck," said he, "and

I don't want another one like it. Three cables had been used on the lower end of the line, and to get old castings out of the way and get the new ones in is a slow business.

Passengers were put to great inconvenience again resterday and last night in getting to the Bridge The cars ran into a blockade at from uptown. Duane-st., and every one in a hurry had to walk from that point. To make matters worse the Form that points. From the property of the property of the horsecars sandwiched themselves in between the electric cars with a happy indifference. The postal cars were drawn up Park Row to the Bridge entrance by horse power, after which they ran down the grade to where the electric power could be applied.

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President Elias of the company said yesterday:

'In regard to the charge published that the company was delaying work on the Boulevard, I want to say that it is not so. The work is pending the laying of the crossing at Eighty-sixth-st. So soon as this is finished the road will be in running order. I expect that by December 16 the road there will be in operation. Another thing is the laying of the first class pavement which the road has been compelled to put down.

"The work on the Forty-second-st. line will not be completed by December. This is on account of the charging and relaying of pipes and the substitution of new pipes for old ones. There is an immense amount of work involved in this. There is a perfect labyrinth of pipes between Eighth and Fifth aves. The work could be herried, but great care is taken not to make the street impassable. The street is open while all these improvements are being made.

BINDING IMPROVES AND SO DOES IL-LUSTRATION.

HENRY HOLT & CO.'S FALL LIST INCLUDES MANY ESPECIALLY SUITED FOR HOLIDAY GIFTS.

A visit to the publishing house of Henry Holt & Co., No. 29 West Twenty-third-st., would incline one o think that the heavy weak backed picture book, specially designed for Christmas, is probably pass ing away, and that books generally have been much improved in binding and illustrations, till even the textbook of to-day looks more attractive than the novel of yesterday. This is well illustrated by Holt & Co.'s classroom edition of Lessing's Minna von Barnheim," in its neat red covers and with its twelve reproductions of quaint etchings. This firm is known both as a publisher of text books and of works in general literature.

The only thing approaching a "picture book" that it has issued this year is Vicar Thompson's "Memoir of Dean Liddell," the great lexicographer, a fit companion to its finely illustrated Rae's "Richard Brinsley Sheridan." The Tribune has reviewed Vicar Thompson's book at length, reproducing some of the full page illustrations, which include notable portraits by Cruikshank, Watts and Herkomer, views of Oxford and reproductions of some of Dean Liddell's blotting paper sketches.

PROFUSELY ILLUSTRATED.

A profusely illustrated book which the publish ers think peculiarly fit for the holidays is Lavignac's "Music and Musicians," now in its second edition, edited for Americans by H. E. Kreh biel, of The Tribune staff. Vying with it in the number of illustrations is a revised edition Champlin & Bostwick's "Young Folks' Cyclopædia of Games and Sports." Another book, strikingly festive in its "get up," is Lucas's anthology from some eighty authors, "A Book of Verses for Children," of which the firm has issued a new and revised edition.

ooks of verse for children of an older growth are Pancoast's "Standard English Poems" and its are Pancoast's "Standard English Poems" and I companion volumes, Canfleid's "French Lyrics" (French) and Von Klenze's volume of Germaverse, entitled "Deutsche Gedichte," the last issue a few years ago. There is also an American edition of "Cyrano de Bergerac" (in French), with a English introduction and notes, treating of the "first night" of the author, the real Cyrano, and his works, and the historical originals of many the characters.

IN BELLES LETTRES.

In belies lettres Henry Holt & Co.'s chief book of the year is Beers's "English Romanticism in the Eighteenth Century," which he is to follow with a dume on the nineteenth century. It is already volume on the nineteenth century. It is already in its second impression, and has been reprinted in England. A book which carries this subject into our own century is Mr. Hancock's monograph on "The French Revolution and the English Foets." In the year just closing Professor Francke's "Social Forces in German Literature," despite 41s formidable title, reached its third impression. Books especially suitable for gifts, because of their taking binding and gravure portraits, are Brimley Johnson's two volumes of "Eighteenth Century Letters," covering Swift, Addison and Steele, with Stanley L. Poole as associate editor, and covering Johnson and Lord Chesterfield, with Birbeck Hill performing a like office.

There has been a lively demand for James's "Talks to Teachers on Psychology and to Students on Some of Life's Ideals," and also for Rook's "The Hooligan Nights." is aircady in its fifth edition. He is a brother of Henry James. "The Hooligan Nights" is quite "another story," purporting to be the truthful confessions of a London burglar. Other books are "God's Prisoner," whose hero is also a criminal; Stackpoole's "The Rapin," a humorous and pathetic story about some French artists, and Dowson and Moore's "Adrian Rome," a title about an English artist, who has a brother artist in the German tenor of Miss Godfrey's "Poor Human Nature," which has been steadily galning in public favor. in its second impression, and has been reprinted in

HISTORY AND ECONOMICS.

Henry Holt & Co. has issued in the course of th ear a number of books on history and economics. Among these are three posthumous volumes papers by that many-sided man, General Francis A Walker. One contains "Discussions in Education, and is edited by his friend, James P. Munroe. An friend. Professor Davis R. Dewey, of the

other friend. Professor Davis R. Dewey, of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, has edited the other two volumes, containing "Discussions in Economics and Statistics."

Seignobos's "Political History of Europe Since 1814" has been edited for Americans by Professor Macvane, of Harvard. Krausse's "Russia in Asia" throws light on the alleged threatening situation between the Lion and the Bear. Henry Holt & Co. Issued what is said to be the first American textbook on the science of finance when it published Adams's "Finance" last year. It has been followed by a second book on the subject, briefer and more "popular," Daniels's "Elements of Public Finance."

In nature study, which is becoming more and more popular with general readers, this firm has just issued Underwood's "Moulds, Mildews and Mushrooms," with ten heliotype plates, one of them colored, besides Scudder's "Brief Guide to the Commoner Butterfiles of the Northern States and Canada," in a new illustrated edition, with twenty-one plates, including in all ninety-seven figures.

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WATER PRESSURE LOW

COMPLAINTS FROM MANY QUARTERS-LACK OF RAIN GIVEN AS THE REASON.

Chief Engineer Rirdsall of the Department of Water Supply has cut down the pressure service ne story all over Brooklyn, and said yesterday that he would have to cut it down still further unless rain falls soon. The water is very low in Brooklyn, he says, and the outlook is bad. He declares that Brooklyn needs more storage reservoirs, and ought to have built them long ago. The Board of Aldermen on Tuesday passed a resolution authorizing the Department to make a contract for a new water main from the Milburn pumping station to Spring Creek, in the Borough of Queens. Mr. Birdsall said the new line would be a 48-inch main

Birdsall said the new line would be a 48-inch main and would give 25,000,000 gallons a day more than at present. But this will take time to build, and will cost more than \$1,000,000.

There is also an inconvenient decrease of the water pressure making itself felt at various points in Manhattan. Many residents of the East Side between Fiftieth and Ninetleth sts., and from Fifth-ave, to the East River, are complaining that the water often does not rise to the second floor. Commissioner Dalton explains it by saying that lack of rain has reduced the quantity in storage and that under those circumstances the pumping facilities of the Department are not adequate to make up the lost pressure all over the borough.

Some suspicion exists that this may be a Tammany trick to give color to the plea that the Ramapo water contract is a necessity,

AUTOMOBILES IN THE PARK.

PERMITS TO OPERATE THEM WILL BE ISSUED GRADUALLY.

to some of the many applicants for permission to operate automobiles in the Park. President George C. Clausen, of the Park Board, has issued none except that to R. A. C. Smith for experimental purposes. It was stated yesterday morning that permits would be gradually issued so that the horses in the Park would become accustomed to

horses in the Park would become accustomed to the presence of the automobiles.

President Clausen yesterday denied that he had purchased or was contemplating purchasing an automobile. He takes rides in the Park with some of the members of his staff every day. It was said yesterday morning that the question would not be taken up in the Board to-morrow, but that permits would be gradually issued.

BISHOP THOBURN SAILS ON THE ST. LOUIS Eishop J. M. Thoburn, Missionary Bishop of the Methodist Church in India, was among those who sailed yesterday morning on the steamship St. Louis. Bishop Thoburn has been laboring in India for forty years. He returned to this country about a year ago. Before sailing the Bishop said: "God has opened up a wonderful possibility for missionary work in the Philippines. There are thousands of people there that can be reached by the Gospel light. I am in favor of the United States religious bodies taking prompt steps to extend missionary work in our newly acquired territory." Others who sailed on the St. Louis were Colonel James C. Hooe and John E. Hopley, United States Consul at Southampton. Bishop Thoburn has been laboring in

COLONEL MOORE IN HIS NEW OFFICE. Colonel James M. Moore took possession yester-Department of the East on the staff of General Merritt, at Governor's Island. He takes the place of Major H. W. Summerville, who has just re-tired.

HAD TO RUN FROM FIRE IN WEST-ST. The big six story brick building at Nos. 24, 25 26 and 27 West-st., caught fire yesterday morning and a good deal of damage was done in a fe

The fire is said to have started on the fourth floor, occupied by the Edison General Electric Company, of No. 44 Broad-st., which uses the building as a storage house. The flames shot from the fourth floor in such a manner that the two hundred and fifty persons who occupied the building hastened to get out. The elevator man. Martin Hagen, of No. 256 Second-ave, stuck to his post and ran the car up and down half a dozen times, taking a big load each time. He ran till he could not make any more trips. The remainder of the people got out by the stairs. The fireboats assisted the engine in extinguishing the blaze. It is

holiday books and miscellaneous works. The ATTRACTIVE NEW BOOKS, BIG CLOAK FIRM IN TROUBLE.

FREEDMAN BROTHERS PUT THEIR AF-FAIRS IN THE HANDS OF THEIR

CREDITORS. Freedman Brothers, cloak manufacturers, at No. 567 Broadway, corner Prince-st., one of the houses in the fro. t rank in this line, are in financial difficulties, and have placed their affairs before their creditors with a view of obtaining a settlement and continuing the business. A meeting of the creditors was held yesterday in the Stewart ing. Joseph Kohler, attorney, of No. 280 Broadway, represented the firm. He said that immediately after the Popkin failure creditors began a run on the firm. The firm had paid off as fast as it could, but when it had seen the thing was continuing it felt that it ought to stop in justice

to all its creditors.

Joseph Fox presided at the meeting yesterday. Mr. Kohler said that the assets were largely tied up in real estate which is not readily although if the firm could get the value of it and get an extension of time it would be able to pay 100 cents on the dollar, but it could not do so under existing circumstances. It was decided to have a committee investigate the affairs of the firm and report a plan of settlement. Pending the investigation, it was resolved that the firm be allowed continue business as heretofore. As eviden of what the firm had done, Mr. Kohler said that it had paid off since October 1 \$200,000 of merindebtedness. For years it had done a large business, he said, aggregating \$1,500,000 to of Mr. Fox, Mr. Stern, Mr. Yardley, of W. L. sylvania coal operators say, have put oppressive committee consists Strong & Co.; Mr. Einstein, of the Raritan W Mills, and Mr. Skinner, of the Skinner Manufacturing Company. It will report in a few days.

The total liabilities of the firm, secured and unsecured, are \$849,166, of which \$423,588 are secured by mortgages on real estate. There is \$5,000 due for taxes and some interest, which leaves the business liabilities at about \$418,000. Mr. Kohler said that the total assets, at bottom figures, were that the total assets, at bottom figures, were real estate. \$550,000. outstanding accounts. \$95,308; mertate. \$550,000. outstanding accounts. \$95,308; mertate. \$550,000. outstanding accounts. \$95,308; mertate. \$550,000. machinery and plant, \$1,500; cash in bank, \$1,007; equitles of the partners in their private property. \$10,000. The firm owns its store building, Nos. 565 and 567 Broadway, which it has heretofore valued at \$550,000. It is mortgaged for heretofore valued at \$550,000. It is mortgaged for stone amount, said that the trouble was that the firm amount, said that the trouble was that the firm amount, said that the trouble was that the firm amount, said that the trouble was that the firm amount, said that the firm yesterday submitted an offer to the creditors to pay 31.45 cents on the dollar, one-third cash and the rest on time, and the committee had it under consideration.

It is said that the business was started in 1881 by Moritz Freedman, with a small capital. Soon afterward he admitted his brother Charles into partnership, and they constitute the firm now. by mortgages on real estate. There is \$5,000 due

CAB CONSOLIDATION SCHEME.

SYNDICATE SAID TO BE MEETING SOME SUCCESS-LIVERYMEN AND AUTO-MOBILE PEOPLE.

There was a report in Wall Street yesterday that a syndicate which is trying to consolidate the principal cab and hack stables of this city has met with some success in its efforts. It was said that the syndicate had secured control of, or at least an option on, the property of the New-York Cab Company, said to be worth about \$2,000,000, and that the property of other similar concerns was being inventoried with the view of taking them over. Inquiry was made yesterday afternoon at the office of the New-York Cab Company, in West Thirtysecond-st., but no one there seemed to know any-thing about the matter. The manager, James Hefferman, said that all he knew about the matter was what the reporters told him. If there was any truth in the report, he did not know it. The president of the company is Colonel William Jay.
William H. Sealch, president of the Liverymen's

Association of Manhattan, who furnishes the carriage service of the Walderf-Astoria and other hotels, said last night that no offer had as yet been made to the liverymen by any syndicate look-

ing to a combination of their interests. There isn't any doubt that it's coming, though," said Mr. Seaich. "The automobile has come to stay there isn't any doubt about that but at the same said Mr. Seaich. time it will be three or four years before it will be generally used in this city. There is a lot of talk about a consolidation of the liverymen under the control of the automobile interests. thing that makes such a move unfeasible at th present time is that the automobile people couldn't handle the situation. They haven't the carriages. handle the situation. They haven't the carriages. There are only about two hundred of them in use in the city at the present day, and there are many livery stables with that number of carriages in a single establishment. The automobile folks are not making any money, and we are. That's why they want to take us in. In costs them about \$10 to make \$5 profit, on account of breakdowns and expense in the equipment of their machines.

"A year ago some lawyers asked me for an option on my stables. They said they were going to erganize a syndicate with a capital of \$5.00.00 to buy out all the big stables and introduce the automobiles as fast as they could be produced. They

out all the big stables and introduce the automobiles as fast as they could be produced. They looked around and discovered that their capital was not big enough, and they then dropped the project. The liverymen are making money this season. It is the best year they have ever had, and there are more cariages, cabs, hansoms and other pleasure vehicles in use this year than ever before. If the automobile people want our profits they will have to pay for them. I will sell out any time if I can get my price. I think the combination will be effected, but it will not be at once."

PETITIONS IN BANKRUPTCY.

Morris Abrams, of No. 1.405 Second-ave., has filed a petition in bankruptcy with liabilities of \$32,453 and no assets. He was of H. Abrams & Co., who dis-They were cloak manufacturers

The Bouker Contracting Company filed a petition in the United States District Court yesterday askfiled by others against the New-York and Westchester Water Company. The petitioner holds \$20.

600 bonds of the latter company and opposes the foreclosure of the \$60,000 bonds of the company by

NO "BUCKET SHOP" TRADING ALLOWED. Chicago, Nov. 22 (Special).-The Board of Trade Directors have posted the following notice:

It is the judgment of the Board of Directors of the Chicago Board of Trade that any member of this association who shall have any forbidden re-lation by telephone, telegraph or otherwise, direct-ly or indirectly with any person or concern operat-ing a "bucket shop" shall be deemed guilty of un-mercantile conduct and be punishable under pro-vision of Section 8 of Rule IV of the Board of Trade of the City of Chicago.

VALUE OF THE SEIZED PEARLS.

An informal appraisement of the imitation pearls seized from François Bock, a passenger on the French liner La Bretagne last Sunday, was made yesterday at the Appraiser's Stores. One thousand of the pearls were taken haphazard from the box containing about fifty thousand and weighed. The result of the examination fixed the value of all the pearls selzed at about \$2,500. Bock will be ar-raigned before Commissioner Shields again to-day, when the customs officials expect to present ad-ditional evidence against him.

APPOINTMENTS AND CHANGES. Augustus C. Tate, who sued for reinstatement as

Water Register, has his job back, at \$4,000 a year and John F. Frost has been removed from the office. Reginald S. Douall, private secretary to Commissioner Dalton, has had his salary increased from \$2,000 to \$2,500. Oscar Erlandsen has been ap-pointed assistant engineer in the Department of Bridges, at \$2,500 a year.

INDIAN GIFTS FOR VIRGINIA'S GOVERNOR. Richmond, Va., Nov. 22.-The annual tribute of the Virginia tribe of Indians, the Pamunkeys, was made to the Governor to-day. Chief Dennis and Second Chief Bradbury headed a party of seven delegates from the tribe. They visited the Gov-ernor and were shown brough the mansion. The material tribute to the Governor consisted of a deer and a large wild turkey. The Pamunkeys at-tach great importance to their annual tribute, and observe the occasion with religious solemnity.

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JOHNSON'S DIGESTIVE TABLETS

WAR ON COAL ROADS.

ANTHRACITE OPERATORS' ASSOCIATION

meeting in the Waldorf-Astoria. The associa-

tion passed resolutions pledging the support of

all its members in the speedy building of the

railroad which is to connect the railroad lines

already controlled by the association in Penn-

The association is composed of all the inde-

pendent coal operators in the Lackawanna, Wy-

oming, Lehigh and Schuylkill valleys. These

number sixty-eight and represent a capital of

\$110,000,000 and one-third the total output of

anthracite coal, which, it is estimated, will

The fight is to be made on the railroad com-

bination which is controlled largely by J. Pier-

pont Morgan, through the Reading, Erie and

Lehigh Valley railroads. These roads, the Penn-

The Pennsylvania Coal Company, which is in

through the coal regions and runs to Hawley,

building of a road from this point to Kingston,

N. Y., where it will reach tidewater at Rondout.

There will be eighty-one miles of road to build.

were an indorsement by the association of the

Whereas, The Eric and Wyoming Valley Railroad Company has arranged to build a branch line from Hawley Penn. to a point on the boundary line be-

Whereas. The Erie and Wyoming Valley Railroad Company has arranged to build a branch line from Hawley, Penn., to a point on the boundary line between New-York and Pennsylvania at Lackawaxen, forming a connection with a railroad proposed to be constructed by the Delaware Valley and Kingston Railway Company to tidewater at Kingston, on the Hudson River; and

Whereas, The construction of said railroads is approved and promoted by the Pennsylvania Coal Company, which has large rights in the anthracite coal regions; and

Whereas, The independent coal operators and the general public are now largely at the mercy of existing railroad companies, which charge unreasonable rates for their services, owing, in part, to the large amounts for which the said companies have been capitalized; and

Whereas, It would be highly advantageous to all the independent owners of coal properties throughout the entire anthracite regions of Pennsylvania to have the railroad connection now proposed completed as speedily as possible; and

Whereas, It is equally desirable in the interests of the people of the State of New-York and the public in general that such railroad connection shall be made (since it will result in a material reduction of the price paid for anthracite coal by consumers); now therefore be if

Resolved, First, that this association hereby expresses its hearty and unqualified approval of the proposed plan for the construction of the said railroads, and hereby pledges its constant support and active assistance in promoting the speedy construction and completion of the said railroads.

Second, That a committee of three be appointed by the president, of which the president shall be

tion and completion of the said railroads.

Second, That a committee of three be appointed by the president, of which the president shall be a member, to take such steps as may be deemed advisable toward furthering the said plans and co-operating with the said companies for the completion of the said railroads, and that a report of their proceedings be submitted to the next meeting of this association.

William Connell, of Scranton, Penn., the presi

dent of the association, was unable to be pres-

lutions of sympathy were passed by the association. Vice-President H. M. Howe, of Phila-

LOCKJAW CAUSED HIS DEATH.

WOUNDS MADE BY AN ELEVATOR ROPE RE-

Henry Collins, forty-six years old, who was an

the wine Collins started to go up on one of the

freight elevators which was on the floor above.

Collins, after some effort, got the elevator down

refused to work. Suddenly the elevator shot up above the third floor. Collins slid down the

rope to the second floor. His hands were badly

WENT TO CUSTOM HOUSE FOR HIS WILL.

There was a mild sensation yesterday afterno

in the law division of the Custom House, when a

man of about forty dashed into the room of Chief

Clerk MacAvoy and exclaimed: "I want my will!

stranger to wait a moment, and left the room.

Returning, he told the wild eyed visitor that he would find his will at the Surrogate's office, and after some persuasion the stranger departed to seek it there.

is worth \$8,000,000!" Mr. McAvoy asked the

The rope was caught in some

ent on account of the death of his son.

delphia, presided.

The resolutions were as follows:

sylvania with tidewater at Rondout, N. Y.

amount to 47,500,000 tons this year.

TAKES IMPORTANT ACTION. MEMBERS PLEDGED TO THE BUILDING OF

\$25,000 damages from her father, Isaac Cahn, who now lives in Lincoln, Neb., and formerly lived in Fifth-ave., was brought to trial before Justice THE LINE TO TIDEWATER AT RON-Leventritt and a jury yesterday in the Supreme Court. Miss Cahn's action has been on the calen-DOUT FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA MINE REGIONS.

dar for the last five years, the date of the alleged assault being January 16, 1894. General Edward Bullard appeared for Miss Cahn. What appears to be a coal war, with all the Colonel E. C. James, counsel for Mr. Cahn, moved consequent advantages to the coal consuming to dismiss the suit. He said: public, was started yesterday afternoon by the "In all the history of the jurisprudence of the Anthracite Coal Operators' Association at its

DAUGHTER SUES FATHER FOR ASSAULT.

MISS CAHN'S SUIT TO RECOVER DAMAGES SAID

TO BE THE FIRST OF ITS KIND.

The suit brought by Miss Rosa Cahn to recover

English speaking peoples in this world there has never been a civil action heard of by a daughter against her father to recover damages for an as-

From the days of the early Romans up to the present time, counsel said, the law had recognized the father as the head of the household, and his right to the government of the family and to punish his children had never been questioned. The fact that the plaintiff was over age at the time of the alleged assault did not change the status, for the reason that she had remained a member of the household, and was therefore under her father's government. Where a child had been grossly abused recourse lay in a criminal action against the parent, and not in a civil action for damages.

Justice Leventritt said that, while the proposition was a novel one, and while he knew of no precedent for such an action, he would for the present permit the case to go on and would consider Colonel James's motion later on.

The plaintiff, who is now thirty-one years old, then took the stand and proceeded to give her testimony. the father as the head of the household, and his

mony.

She testified that she was twenty-six years old when the assault on her was made by her father. About 5 o'clock in the evening of January 16, 184, she said, she was in her room when her father entered. He asked her who the man was who had called in the afternoon, and she told him she did not know. He sneered at her and said: "Pack up your things and get out of here. Pack up what belongs to you and more as well."

"What do you mean by that?" the witness stated she asked.

the fight with the association, owns the Eric and Wyoming Railroad, a road which ramifles Penn. The association has been considering the

she asked.

"The \$100 you took,' was his reply. 'You know I did not take any of your money.' I answered. He then clenched his fist and approached me in a threatening attitude. I told him not to strike me, but he did so, and I began kicking him to protect myseif. He then kicked me in the abdomen. The servants interfered at this time, and he left the room." At the meeting yesterda; the resolutions passed

Isaac Cahn, the defendant, an old white haired Isaac Cahn, the defendant, an old white haired man, testified as to the circumstances of the alleged assault. He said that he was told that his daughter Emma, who has since died, had received a visit from a man. He went to look for Emma, and was told by her that she knew nothing of the visits of any man, and that any such visits must have been paid to Rosa. He then went to Rosa's room. She abused him and his wife, he said, and he at last placed his hands on her head. She began kicking him, and Emma came in and joined Rosa in attacking him. A servant, who entered at this time, gave similar testimony. The case went over until to-day.

STENCH IN THE COUNTY COURT HOUSE.

BILL" TWEED'S MONUMENT IS AS UNSAVORY AS HIS MEMORY.

The unsanitary condition of the County Court House is again causing complaint, as it always does when the weather becomes so cold that windows must be shut to a greater extent than is done in warm weather. Mr. Tweed's \$14,000,000 monument never had a respectable system of ventilation or drainage from the start, and the various plumbers who have made money out of it from time to time ever since the job was completed, at a cost of about \$10,000,000 more than it was worth, have never been able to instal in it a system of plumbing that would counteract the faults of its construction.

Regularly the judges obliged to sit there make complaint of the foul odors that threaten their health and impair their mental activity, but nothing is ever done by Tammany except to run up a new bill for plumbing. The odors remain. When windows can be left open the foul air is not so noticeable, but in cold weather there seems to be no good way to let fresh air into the building without creating a pneumonia giving draught upon hose who are forced to occupy it. One of the Justices of the Supreme Court was quoted yesterday as saying:

This courthouse is entirely unworthy of the city. It is a disgrace to it. It is unsanitary in every way—bad plumbing and wretched ventilation. A village in the backwoods would be ashamed to tolareate such a building. I am surprised that it is not the cause of more sickness. Every man who must spend hours in it daily must suffer in health. But what are we going to do?

E. BERRY WALL A BANKRUPT.

attendant in the wineroom of the New-York Thea-ASKS TO BE RID OF DEBTS OF \$9,384-NO AStre, died yesterday morning from the effects of lockjaw in the Presbyterian Hospital. Collins lived SETS EXCEPT CLOTHING AND JEWELRY. with his wife and six children on the top floor of the tenement at No. 801 Sixth-ave. On November WORTH \$250. 10 Collins had occasion to go into the winercom of the theatre for a certain brand of wine. Securing

E. Berry Wall has filed a petition in bankruptcy with liabilities of \$9,384 and no assets, except clothing and jewelry, \$250, which are exempt. His home is at No. 125 West Forty-fourth-st., and he stated that at present he is without occupation and has no place of business. The following are his creditto where he was standing and essayed to raise it. ors: Fifth Avenue Bank, \$223; judgment, January 20, 1898, part paid; Justin Belleaux, \$258, judgment; John C. Atterbury, \$2,142, judgment; Oliver Moore; \$81, account; John B. and J. Gustave Hanft, \$148, judgment, Edgar A. Mayer, \$96, account; Delmonleo's, \$1,029, account, in 1885; Sharp & Co., \$169, account; Henrietta A. or George A. Latham, \$1,637, notes; George A. Latham, \$1,600, account; Daniel D. Youmans, \$192, account, in 1888; Edmund B. Schmidt, \$555, notes, in 1891; E. Benoit Mathie, \$144, judgment; Benjamin J. Falk, \$294, judgment; Louis V. Fell, \$200, notes; Charles Hauptner, account unknown; A. F. Morrison, of Darlen, Conn., \$200, contract, and Barton B. Higgins, \$121, judgment. ors: Fifth Avenue Bank, hilstered and he wanted to go to a hospital, but a doctor dressed the wound. Collins began to grow worse, and on Friday last displayed symptoms of tetanus. He went to the Fresbyterian Hospital, where he grew worse until he died in great agony yesterday.

INEXPEDIENT TO CHANGE THE RULES. At an adjourned meeting of the New-York Fire Insurance Exchange yesterday the special com-mittee of seven appointed to consider the proposition to amend the bylaws of the Exchange so as to restrict reinsurance reported that in its judg-ment it was inexpedient to change the existing rules at this time. The report was adopted.

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